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THE FUTURE 40

Recognition is nice, but these finalists back causes bigger than themselves

Finalist Michael Champagne

OPINION

Elisha Dacey

It's always hard to judge something like the Future 40.

One hundred and thirty-seven people nominated 137 peers who inspire them, and as such, the criteria for excellence is vague. How do you compare a social justice leader to a business entrepreneur? It's an impossible task.

For the second time, I have joined staffers at CBC Manitoba to accomplish this impossible feat and single out 40 people under 40 years old.

And what does it all amount to? The finalists are acknowledged at CBC.ca and in Metro Winnipeg, and at an invitation-only gala tonight.

These are appropriate and well-deserved gestures. But recognition isn't enough. Future 40 isn't a popularity contest; it's about bringing attention to work these finalists are doing so that they can continue to do it effectively. A "thank you" isn't enough. They need real support.

The finalists come from all sorts of backgrounds — from urban beekeeper to indigenous activist to app startup president. But they all do the same thing: they solve problems — through innovation, compassion, and a genuine desire to help.

As Manitoba winds its way through an election campaign, we haven't seen well thought-out, innovative solutions to our problems from those who want to be the next premier. Well, surprise — that's the wrong place to look.

Instead, look to your neighbours. The Millennials and Gen-Xers we've highlighted all week are the ones with solutions, and they need our support.

Support comes in many forms. It comes in grants and funding. It comes in politicians genuinely listening and championing causes at city hall and the Manitoba Legislature. It comes in knowing their community believes in them.

We're slowly coming around to it. We're allowing urban beekeeping, we've reckoned with racism, we've funded Innovation Alley. But there's so much more we can do, like ignoring the naysayers on rapid transit, or bringing down the barriers at Portage and Main, or focusing on health prevention instead of health care.

The finalists have done their job. Now it's time for the rest of us to do ours.

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Snowden says Panama Papers case highlights 'role of the whistleblower in free society.' **Canada**

POLITICS

NDP needs to present plans for road: Mayor

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

Elected officials at the City of Winnipeg are enthused a re-elected New Democrat government would promise to foot the bill, and fulfil a decades-old plan to build an inner ring road within Perimeter Highway limits.

Even so, at least one councillor is raising concerns the promise is another way the province is setting the city's priorities.

Premier and NDP leader Greg Selinger appeared in the courtyard of Winnipeg City Hall Wednesday, announcing his party would fast-track construction of an inner ring road in the city, starting with extending Chief Peguis Trail in the next four years.

Selinger said the province and federal government would split the cost in order to see Lagimodiere Boulevard, Bishop Grandin Boulevard and a widened Kenaston Boulevard/Route 90 linked to complete an inner highway to ease traffic congestion.

"My only disappointment and caveat on that would be the City of Winnipeg has existed for over 130 years. I really do believe we should have a greater say and greater influence on the infrastructure that's built," Coun. Jeff Browaty said Wednesday.

"I don't really think at this point it's really the province's place to be playing that role."

Browaty said he's supporter of the project, which was first introduced in the city's 1968 master transportation plan as a 'suburban beltway.'

"It's definitely a worthwhile project and one of my priorities, but there's all sorts of other priorities out there throughout the city that are on the list as well," he said, pointing to the widening of Kenaston Boulevard, and replacing the Louise Bridge in Point Douglas.

> **The sooner they can build it on their dime, the better.**
> Mayor Brian Bowman

As the city's representative for the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, Browaty echoed mayor Brian Bowman's comments that political parties need to present plans that will give the city a fairer share of tax dollars and fairer say in terms of how they spend them after April 19.

Bowman told reporters on Wednesday he did not consider Selinger's announcement a response to the, 'Fair Share, Fair Say,' campaign.

He did say Selinger vowed funds for an inner ring road would be new, and agreed the project should be sped up.

"If the other two levels of government are going to fund it 100 per cent and if those funds are not coming out of other funds that would otherwise be available to the City of Winnipeg, then absolutely," Bowman said. "The sooner they can build it on their dime, the better."

Group to protest Panet Road ticketing

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

'Those tickets should all be voided': Wise Up Winnipeg

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

City police have been illegally ticketing drivers at a spot on Panet Road that hasn't had proper signage for months, according to a traffic ticket busting group.

A few months ago, the northbound speed reduction sign on the median of Panet Road near Monroe Avenue was removed during light standard repairs, and it still hasn't been replaced, says Wise Up Winnipeg's Todd Dube.

Dube said despite the sign not being there to inform drivers of the speed drop, police have still been issuing tickets.

"Those tickets should all be voided," he said.

Police can legally ticket drivers wherever they are travelling faster than the speed on nearby signs — but the signs have to be there. That includes in and before school zones, where speed limits fall to 30 km/h during certain hours, like the stretch on Panet Road.

He and a group of Wise Up Winnipeg supporters will be protesting what he sees as unlawful ticketing in the "worst spot in Winnipeg right now" Thursday morning at 10 a.m.

Wise Up Winnipeg says the city is making 'a fortune' ticketing drivers on Panet Road despite missing signs and what they say is a misclassification of the road. METRO FILE

"We (Wise Up) get more calls and complaints about there than anywhere," Dube said.

The Highway Traffic Act requires drivers to adhere to school zone speeds if proper signage is clearly visible. Those signs must say "30 Ahead" approaching the zone, such as the one removed from the median on Panet, so "in the absence of that median sign, all tickets issued in the last three months or longer are not legal," Dube said.

Winnipeg Police Staff Sgt. Rob Riffel said "there is presently no enforcement taking place at this location," but was unable to confirm whether or not ticketing has been taking place while there was insufficient signage.

LOCATION

The Thursday morning protest will take place on Panet Road before the school zone to warn drivers of the speed change.

"Nothing enforcement-related has taken place there since at least March 17."

Dube has put in an access to information request to find out exactly how long the speed reduction sign has been gone, but said it's part of a larger problem.

"It shouldn't be 30 kilometres per hour there to begin with," he said.

In 2014, Winnipeg twinned Panet Road because traffic took "a considerable time to clear with only one travel lane per direction."

Dube said the sidewalks are set back from the heavy-traffic road, as is the nearest school. The fact it's a high-traffic, four-lane street makes it a regional road in his mind. The city's definition differs.

Dube said he thinks the real issue is that the four-lane Panet road has been misclassified as residential, rather than regional.

"This misclassification is why the police and photo radar are making such a fortune there," Dube said.

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Meet 10 of Manitoba's FUTURE 40

If entries in this year's instalment of the Future 40 are any indication, Manitoba has a wealth of future leaders. CBC Manitoba and Metro received 137 nominations celebrating our next generation of luminaries under age 40. We've been revealing the finalists all week — and these are the final 10 who made our judges' cut. **CBC MANITOBA**

Meghan Azad, 33
Category: Science and Technology

Meghan Azad is a scientist at the University of Manitoba and Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba, studying how early childhood shapes lifelong health. Her research shows breastfeeding reduces the risk of childhood obesity and helps babies establish a healthy gut flora. Azad is on the Winnipeg Health Sciences Centre Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative Committee, a founding member of the Manitoba Developmental Origins of Chronic Diseases in Children Network and co-director of the Manitoba Personalized Lifestyle Research Program.

Sadie-Phoenix Lavoie, 22
Category: Community Social Activism and Volunteerism

Sadie Lavoie, 22, is a Winnipeg activist from Sagkeeng First Nation who educates and agitates for social, economic, political, environmental justice and the decolonizing of institutions. She was integral to establishing an Indigenous credit requirement for first-year University of Winnipeg students. Through the Canadian Federation of Students Manitoba, she lobbies the federal government on behalf of aboriginal students. Sadie is Vice-President External Affairs on the U of W Student Association.

Alberto Velasco, 39
Category: Business and Entrepreneurship

For more than a decade, Alberto Velasco has created global business opportunities for Manitoba companies. As a project manager with the World Trade Centre Winnipeg, Alberto promotes our province in foreign markets and attracts international businesses to "Centrallia," a three-day global forum that brings together more than 30 countries and 700 business leaders in Winnipeg. In his previous role as Executive Director, International Business Development with Centreport, he promoted investment in Winnipeg through multiple trade missions.

Jade Harper, 32
Category: Community Social Activism and Volunteerism

Jade Harper is the founder and owner of SpiritFusion, a mobile yoga and wellness studio that integrates Indigenous teachings and Eastern practices encouraging holistic wellness. At 29, Jade was voted onto Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre's board and one year later, appointed as the chair. She sits on the Beyond Borders Board of Directors; is a co-founder of The Village Walk; is a curator of the 'Half-breeds in their Natural Environment: Taking back the Carte de Visit and is a Winnipeg Police Service Indigenous Advisory Council member.

Christopher Kirouac, 34
Category: Community Social Activism and Volunteerism

Almost a decade ago, Chris Kirouac began learning about the plight of bees and pollinators, and since has become a passionate advocate for urban beekeeping. Chris founded "Beeproject;" an apiary and business that works on public education about the decline of pollinators and draws awareness to ways the city-dweller can help. He keeps honeybee hives near Gimli and in Winnipeg. Chris worked closely with Winnipeg city council to advocate for change in the urban beekeeping bylaws and now, with bylaws amended, will begin keeping bees in downtown Winnipeg.

Monique Woroniak, 37
Category: Community Social Activism and Volunteerism

A librarian with Winnipeg Public Library, Monique Woroniak is an in-demand speaker committed to social change through the growth of enduring and just relationships among indigenous and non-indigenous peoples. She received the Aboriginal Circle of Educators Honouring Our Allies Award for 2016; recognizing her work. In 2015, Monique co-founded GroundworkForChange.org as a source of information to support non-indigenous people in building relationships with indigenous peoples.

Michael Champagne, 28
Category: Arts, Culture and Entertainment

Michael's many efforts can be found in Winnipeg's North End, where four years ago he started a program called Meet Me At The Bell Tower. The group meets every Friday at 6 p.m. with a goal aimed at ending violence in the area. Michael is also a motivational speaker who travels all across Canada and the United States speaking about various topics. In addition to each of these accomplishments, Michael has also started a program called AYO! (Aboriginal Youth Opportunities) to help get kids off the street and into a better life.

Melissa Brown, 36
Category: Community Social Activism and Volunteerism

Melissa Brown is a Navajo/ Anishinaabe Registered Midwife, practicing in Winnipeg's core. In her work, she is actively involved in birth justice issues, community-building and raising awareness about issues related to women's health. Brown is a member of Kagike Danikobidan council, the advisory committee on Aboriginal women's issues to the College of Midwives of Manitoba. She is also a member of the core council of the National Aboriginal Council of Midwives.

Jonas Watson, 36
Category: Community Social Activism and Volunteerism

Jonas Watson is a veterinarian with a passion for alleviating animal suffering. He volunteers his skills on reserves, building positive relationships where he provides veterinary care and sterilization clinics to pet-owners in need. He also travels abroad to sterilize and treat stray animals in poverty-stricken countries as Madagascar and Mexico. Watson is an active board member on the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association, Canadian Animal Blood Bank and Winnipeg Humane Society.

Tyler Geisler, 28
Category: Community Social Activism and Volunteerism

Tyler Geisler, from Ashern, Man., works as Renal Health Social Worker and is a board member of an adult-education program. He is piloting an education project to prevent kidney disease and diabetes. In September 2015, he became a President of the Ashern Arena, and under his leadership, the rink doubled its income and will be able to maintain operations for another year to ensure kids have regular access to recreation. He is also leading a local committee working on financing a new supportive housing and assisted-living project.

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Pallister ponders parade

LGBTQ PRIDE

Advocate says presence of premier sends key message

The man who once called same-sex marriage "a social experiment" says he's open to participating in Pride celebrations if he is elected Manitoba premier.

Conservative Leader Brian Pallister said he would have to check his schedule when he was asked if he would follow the lead of NDP Premier Greg Selinger.

Selinger was the first Manitoba premier to participate in Pride celebrations two years ago.

Pallister's office couldn't say whether he has ever attended the festivities since becoming Opposition leader four years ago.

"I'm not adverse to doing that," he said when asked Wednesday at a tourism announcement. "I was advocating in the 1980s for equal benefits for same-sex couples, so I don't need lessons from Premier Selinger in that category at all."

Pallister said he wasn't the only one to call same-sex marriage a "social experiment" when he was an MP in 2005, so he doesn't feel he has to build bridges with the gay and lesbian community.

"Comments about 'social experiment' were made by gay and lesbian people as well, some recommending the term marriage be used and some not," Pallister said. "The debate was a healthy debate. The conclusion of the debate has been arrived at, and I'm glad of that."

Brian Pallister says he'd consider attending the city's annual Pride parade if elected. METRO FILE

> **Comments about 'social experiment' were made by gay and lesbian people as well.**
> Brian Pallister

The New Democrats say they will appoint a minister responsible for LGBTQ issues if the party is re-elected April 19.

Pallister said he would not have a similar person around his cabinet table.

"I don't think it's necessary or helpful," he said. "The NDP has created a massive upper-level of bureaucracy in our province that everybody below it resents."

Jonathan Niemczak, president of Pride Winnipeg, said the LGBTQ community would welcome having a minister who could be a point-person for issues of concern. But the position would be meaningless unless those concerns were acted upon, he said.

People will be watching closely to see whether the next premier participates in Pride celebrations, he suggested.

"When you have a community that is used to being subjected to discrimination, indifference and hostility from their government for so many years ... to have the leader of the provincial government speaking (at Pride events) speaks volumes," Niemczak said.

"If the future premier ... is not there, that's going to send another message, and it's not going to be a good message."

The Manitoba Liberals successfully pushed the government to ban conversion therapy, aimed at converting gays and lesbians to heterosexuality, and have the only openly transgender candidate in the election.

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IN BRIEF

PCs pledge more money to promote tourism if elected

Manitoba's Progressive Conservatives are promising to spend more money to promote tourism if they form the next government. Leader Brian Pallister says his party would spend $28 million over five years. Pallister says Manitoba lags behind Saskatchewan, which spends just over $7 million a year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Winnipeg senior killed in Dominican Republic

Authorities in the Dominican Republic say a Winnipeg retiree has been killed in an apparent robbery and two men have been arrested.

Police in Sosua say Leo Frank Boulanger was killed in an apartment he had rented with his Dominican girlfriend. The body of the 75-year-old was found Tuesday. The cause of death has been identified as asphyxia.

Police say the men arrested Wednesday had the victim's belongings and confessed to killing him while trying to get his bank code. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bokhari ready to sound off, hit send

CAMPAIGN

Liberal Leader engages in email warfare with media

The Manitoba Liberal Party showed no sign Wednesday of backing down from its ongoing battle with the media in advance of the April 19 provincial election.

Leader Rana Bokhari defended an email criticizing one media outlet that had been sent the previous day to party members and reporters. She said more missives will be issued if the party feels it's being treated unfairly.

"It's OK for us to be open and transparent when we feel that there is an issue that is not maybe as — unbiased? I don't know what the word is, but whatever it is," Bokhari said.

Tuesday's email from party communications director Mike Brown asked Liberal members to stay away from media requests for negative comments about Bokhari and accused the media of having "frustrations" with her.

Bokhari said Wednesday the party acted because the media was "asking specifically for something."

When asked whether she thought it was unfair for reporters to ask other Liberals if they support her, Bokhari stopped taking questions.

"If there's a policy issue, I will be more than happy to address it."

The Liberals, who held one legislature seat when the election was called, have already butted heads with reporters on the campaign trail.

Bokhari said at one point that the agenda of media outlets is influenced by government advertising dollars. She temporarily suspended one-on-one interviews after one in which she was questioned about her previous career as a lawyer. The 38-year-old has said the media has a hard time adapting to her style, which she describes as different from a career politician.

Rana Bokhari says she will continue to send emails to media over 'biased' coverage. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO FILE

A political analyst said Wednesday that politicians can gain public support by taking on the media, but it can be risky.

"There has to be a convincing narrative there that the media is being unfair to the politician, and I'm not sure that's totally the case here," said Royce Koop, who teaches political science at the University of Manitoba.

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CRIME

Woman allegedly stole from niece's trust fund

A Winnipeg woman is in court this week for allegedly stealing from a medical trust fund set up for her niece, who was waiting for a life-saving heart transplant.

Sheryl Matheson, who is 42, was arrested in March 2011 after police alleged she had withdrawn thousands of dollars and used it for personal purchases.

Her niece, Jessica Bondar, 19, died a few weeks later in a Montreal hospital.

Bondar had been battling health issues for two years after suffering heart failure due to complications from the flu.

Court has heard that Matheson set up the fund in 2009 and the Crown says she almost immediately began withdrawing funds.

Matheson has pleaded not guilty to fraud over $5,000 and theft over $5,000. The trial is expected to last two weeks.

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DRUG-RELATED CRIME

Police seize more than $200K in grow-op bust

Winnipeg police say they have busted a grow-op, and seized more than $200,000 in plants and drugs.

According to a police news release, emergency crews responded to report of a fire in the 400 block of Boyd Avenue Tuesday at 3 a.m. No fire was found, but crews identified an active grow operation there.

Police obtained a search warrant and raided the home, seizing 165 marijuana plants worth an estimated street value of $184,800.

In addition, eight pounds of dry marijuana valued at $20,000 were also taken, along with equipment worth $7,320.

A 43-year-old man and a 34-year-old woman, both of Winnipeg, were arrested and released on a promise to appear. Police said they face various drug-related charges for their alleged involvement. METRO

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Snowden praises leaker

DEMOCRACY

Panama Papers show a 'vital' need for more whistleblowers

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

The need for whistleblowers is greater than ever following the release of the Panama Papers, Edward Snowden told a Vancouver audience Tuesday evening.

The National Security Agency whistleblower appeared via web link at Queen Elizabeth Theatre for a Simon Fraser University Public Square forum on big data, moderated by CBC journalist Laura Lynch.

Inevitably, Snowden — who exposed mass surveillance by the United States government and its allies in 2013 and who is currently living in Russia for fear of arrest — was asked about the release of the Panama Papers this week.

The papers, reportedly the biggest data leak in history, contain the private database of law firm Mossack Fonseca and reveals how offshore tax havens are used by companies and individuals, including some world leaders, to avoid billions of dollars in taxes.

Edward Snowden speaks to CBC journalist Laura Lynch via web-link during a Simon Fraser University Public Square forum on big data in Vancouver on Tuesday. SCREENGRAB

"We have found that countries where we might have suspected this kind of corruption — such as China, Ukraine and Russia — were not alone," said Snowden. "This reveals that one of the founding premises of democracy, which is that one law applies equally to both the powerful and the powerless, is beginning to change. And it happens without our knowledge, our awareness and without our consent.

"The most privileged and the most powerful members of society are operating under a different set of rules that exempt them from not only the same laws to which we are held, not only the same standards of behaviours to which we are held, but they don't even pay the same taxes that we do," he continued. "And yet (they are) the ones who benefit the most from the structures of society."

The leak and the subsequent fallout worldwide shows the need for whistleblowers, Snowden said.

"I think that this shows, more than ever, the role of the whistleblower in free society has become not only desirable but vital."

Asked by Lynch whether he had been in contact with the leaker of the Panama Papers, whose identity remains unknown, Snowden managed to conjure a laugh out of the sold-out crowd.

"If they had, I could not say one way or another. But for the record, I haven't," Snowden said, adding it's for the best. "I'm probably under a lot more monitoring than the average journalist."

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TAX EVASION

Trudeau urges global crackdown

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Wednesday the international community has to work together to make global finance more transparent to prevent the sort of inequality highlighted by the so-called Panama Papers scandal.

Otherwise, rich investors will simply "hop" around to favourable jurisdictions where they can avoid paying tax, Trudeau said.

"The level of awareness that citizens of the world are beginning to take in regards to tax avoidance and evasion is a good thing," Trudeau said. "But it's certainly something that we will be working on together as a community of nations."

Trudeau was asked about the matter in Montreal, where the annual general meeting of the Royal Bank of Canada — the only Canadian banked linked to the data leak — was also taking place Wednesday. Media reports say the bank used Mossack Fonseca, a Panamanian law firm at the centre of the data leak, to set up more than 370 shell companies. THE CANADIAN PRESS

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS

Canadian man is world's fastest joggler

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Canada is home to the fastest half marathon joggler in the world.

Toronto's Michal Kapral got the word Monday from Guinness World Records that the 1 hour and 20 minutes it took him to complete the 2014 Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront half marathon while juggling three balls set a new bar.

As far as Kapral is concerned, it's just the first formal recognition of his many successes. He's pretty sure he's been unofficially setting and breaking records since picking up jogging and juggling many years ago.

"I've always liked to try and do all sorts of things while running," Kapral said, noting he once ran a full marathon while pushing his daughter in a stroller.

But, he considers joggling "the best sport almost no one has heard of."

Running, he said, is an "addiction" that's proven impossible to shake. Joggling, meanwhile, can be seen as a metaphor for how we lead our lives.

"We're all running our life marathon," Kapral said. "If you drop a ball, you've got to pick it up and keep going."

In October, Kapral plans to compete against jogglers from around the world during a marathon in Chicago. It shouldn't prove too much of an issue since he's already mastered the strategy.

"You've just got to get into the zone," he said. "If you overthink it, you quickly drop the ball."

Michal Kapral joggling. COURTESY CHRISTINE SPINGOLA/ CANADA RUNNING SERIES

POLITICS

Libs launch review to decide future size and shape of Canada's military

The Trudeau government has embarked on its long-awaited review on the future of the Canadian Armed Forces. Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan has laid out the process and is asking for public input. Consultations, to take place between now and the end of July, will look at the future size of the military, the kinds of missions it will undertake and the type of equipment it will have. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trudeau says Ottawa will be partners with cities on infrastructure

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says his government is committed to working with municipalities and provinces when it comes to infrastructure. Trudeau says it is up to towns and provinces to determine priorities. He adds the government has put forward its investments in two phases, with the first focusing on concerns such as maintenance and upgrades. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Trump's lead now damaged

U.S. ELECTION

Wisconsin dealt blow to front-runner's campaign

Republican Donald Trump emerged from the Wisconsin primaries as a damaged front-runner following a crushing primary loss to rival Ted Cruz, deepening questions about the billionaire businessman's presidential qualifications and pushing the Republican Party toward a rare contested convention nomination fight.

Democrat Bernie Sanders also scored a sweeping victory Tuesday giving him fresh incentive to keep challenging Hillary Clinton. But Sanders still lags behind Clinton in the all-important delegate count.

Both parties now turn their sights toward New York, which offers a massive delegate prize in its April 19 contests. It marks a homecoming of sorts for several candidates, with Trump, Clinton and Sanders all boasting roots in the state.

In the Republican primary system, candidates vie in each state to win delegates, who then vote for the nominee at party conventions over the summer. If no candidate wins an outright majority in the first vote of the convention, most delegates are free to change their allegiance, so candidates would have to compete to win their support.

Cruz has stepped forward as the candidate best positioned to block Trump in the Republican race, though it would likely take a convention battle to accomplish that goal.

A Texas senator with a complicated relationship with Republican leaders, Cruz cast his Wisconsin victory as a "turning point" in the race and urged the party to rally around his candidacy.

Even if Cruz's gains do force the Republican race into a contested convention in July, it is unclear whether he would emerge as the nominee, or whether the party would try to put forward someone else.

In the Republican race, Cruz was poised to collect most of Wisconsin's 42 Republican delegates.

In the Democratic race, Sanders still trails Clinton in the pledged delegate count and has so far been unable to persuade superdelegates — the party officials who can back any candidate — to drop their allegiance to the former secretary of state and back his campaign.

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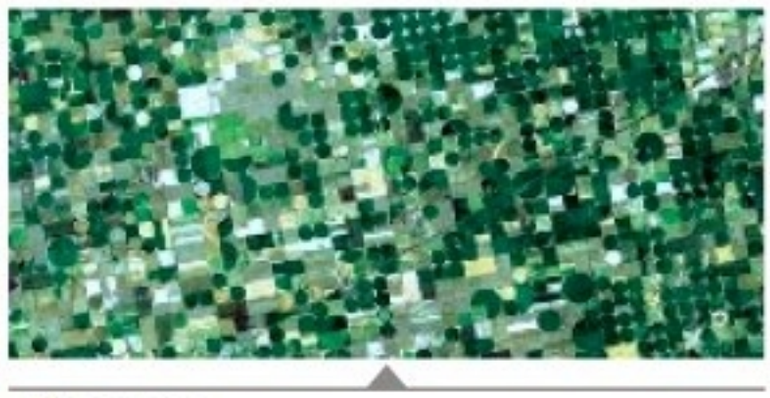
Scenes from 16 years in space

NASA's Terra satellite has been orbiting Earth every day since 1999. Over those 16 years, one of its instruments, a joint American-Japanese radiometer known as ASTER, has captured some 2.95 million scenes of Earth — cities, glaciers, deserts, disasters and more. Now, those maps are available to the public. Here are some of the most awe-inspiring images from the ASTER database. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Andes

The Andes along the Chile-Bolivia border. Visible and infrared data have been computer enhanced to exaggerate the colour differences of the different materials, including lava flows.



Kansas

Center-pivot irrigation in the croplands of Finney County, Kansas, create a patchwork of healthy green vegetation and yellow fallow or harvested fields.

Siberia

The Kondyor Massif in Eastern Siberia, Russia. The rare, perfectly circular "igneous intrusion" is full of valuable minerals, including platinum.

Nunavut

Glaciers and ice on Ellesmere Island, Nunavut.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 7

Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Gala:
Born This Way

The Pantages Playhouse | 7:15pm | Tickets: $37
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FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Gala:
Customs & Integration

The Pantages Playhouse | 6:45 pm | Tickets: $37
HOSTED BY: Craig Lauzon
CAST: Dan Taylor, Vishal Ramesh, Dave Merheje, Nour Hadidi, Martha Chaves, Mark Heath

Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Gala:
Truth Bomb

The Pantages Playhouse | 9:15 pm | Tickets: $37
HOSTED BY: Mary Walsh
CAST: Danish Anwar, DeAnne Smith, Peter White, Adrienne Fish, Pete Johansson, Simon King

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Gala:
The 15th Anniversary Show

The Pantages Playhouse | 6:45 pm | Tickets: $37
HOSTED BY: Seán Cullen
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Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Gala:
All Geek to Me

The Pantages Playhouse | 9:15 pm | Tickets: $37
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Rumor's Comedy Club | 7:45 pm | Tickets: $15 (18+ no minors)
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WCF Rumor's Comedy Club Series
Rumor's Comedy Club | 10:30 pm | Tickets: $15 (18+ no minors)
FEATURING: Graham Clark

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Gas Station Arts Centre | 10:30 pm | Tickets: $15
HOSTED BY: CRUMBS (Stephen Sim and Lee White)
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Club Regent Event Centre | 2:00 pm | Tickets: $30

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WCF Rumor's Comedy Club Series
Rumor's Comedy Club | 7:15 pm | Tickets: $17 (18+ no minors)
FEATURING: Dave Merheje

The No Bro Show 3
Gas Station Arts Centre | 7:30 pm | Tickets: $20
HOSTED BY: Trish Cooper

WCF Rumor's Comedy Club Series
Rumor's Comedy Club | 10:00 pm | Tickets: $17 (18+ no minors)
FEATURING: John Wing

All Foul, No Harm
The MET | 10:00 pm | Tickets: $20 (18+ no minors)
HOSTED BY: Nikki Payne

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Gas Station Arts Centre | 10:30 pm | Tickets: $15
HOSTED BY: Chantal Marostica
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SUNDAY, APRIL 10

CBC's The Debaters
Club Regent Event Centre | 2:00 pm | Tickets: $30

"You're Welcome" The Refugee Show
Gas Station Arts Centre | 2:00 pm | Tickets: Free
HOSTED BY: Martha Chaves

"P.W.I." Performing While Indigenous
Gas Station Arts Centre | 4:00 pm | Tickets: Free
HOSTED BY: Rosanna Deerchild

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Release name of bank: Critics

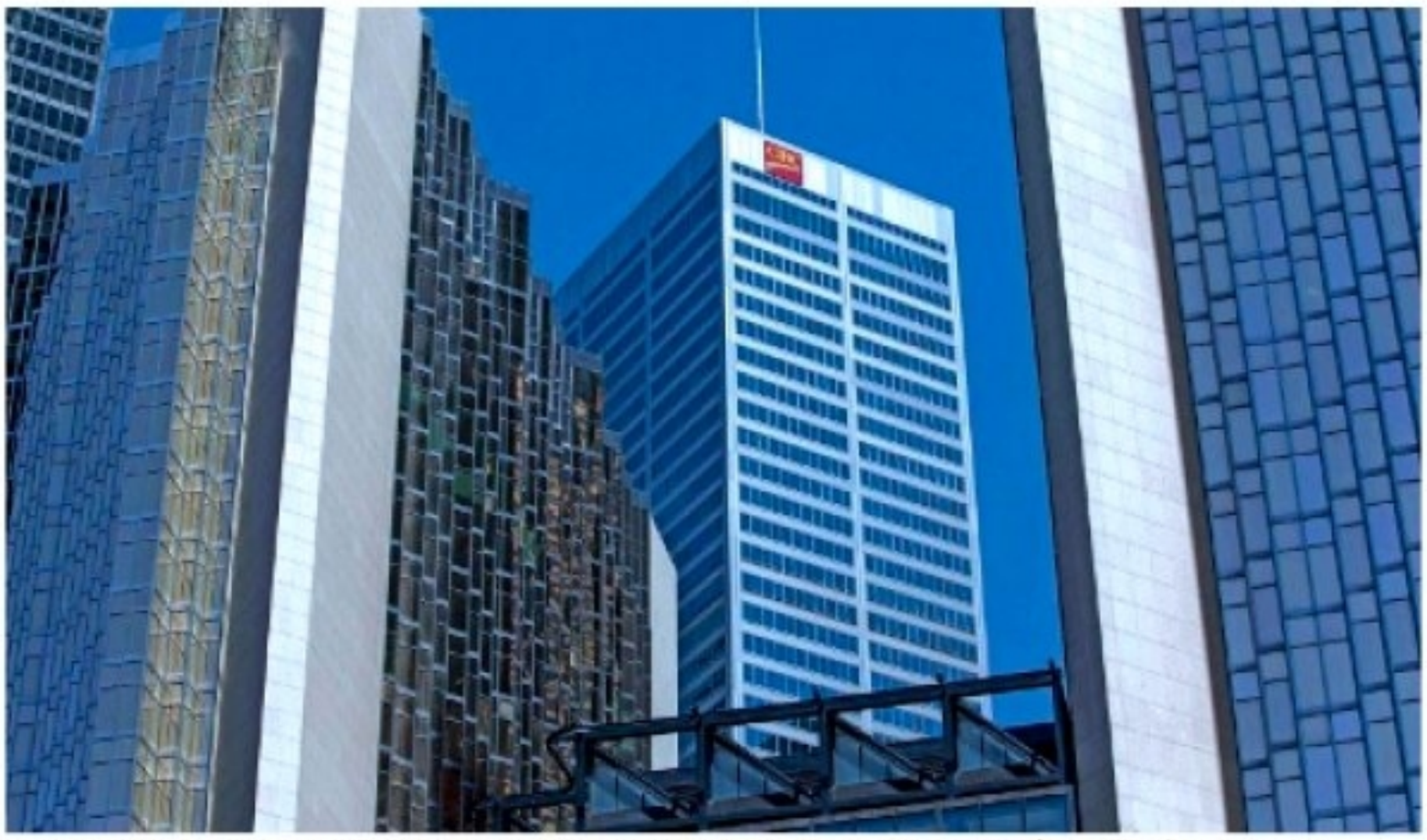
FINTRAC

$1.1M fine issued, but agency won't name names

Why is the federal anti-money-laundering agency tight-lipped about the name of the first Canadian bank found to violate its regulations, but publicly shaming smaller players?

That's what a wide-ranging group of critics want to know about the first-ever penalty against a bank by the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada.

The terrorism and money-laundering watchdog, known as Fintrac, announced Tuesday that it has issued a $1.1-million fine against an undisclosed financial institution for failing to report a suspicious transaction and various other infractions.



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"Our criminal and administrative law regime is based on disclosure of wrongdoing not on secrecy of wrongdoing," said Christine Duhaime, a lawyer who specializes in anti-money-laundering law.

"Joe Average who is fined for any administrative infraction is not afforded secrecy in this way and the rules should apply to all Canadians, legal and natural personals, equally."

Fintrac said Tuesday's announcement is meant to deter others from failing to report.

But the bank's name was not added to a list of violators published on the agency's website. However, the home page shows the name of many smaller companies.

Fintrac collects millions of pieces of data from 31,000 businesses every year and analyzes them for suspicious activity. Those businesses are legally required to report certain financial activities — anything from cash transactions of more than $10,000 to a disguised customer.

The centre has legal power to use its discretion on whether to publicly name companies it has fined. The recent unnamed financial institution isn't the only case where it has taken exception — the companies involved in 34 of the 74 monetary penalties the agency has levied since 2008 have not been disclosed, said spokesman Darren Gibb.

In the case of the bank, the agency decided it was in the public interest to publish the details of the penalty to "send a strong message of deterrence" in a timely manner rather than name the institution after a potentially lengthy appeal process. The financial institution has already paid the $1.1-million penalty.

Michael Baumbach is director of Toronto-based Diamond Exchange Toronto Inc. which was fined $12,750 and named by Fintrac in March. He says the agency is unfairly punishing smaller firms like his jewelry business, which is trying hard to comply, while letting bigger players off the hook.

He believes the bank's name was kept secret because it has resources at its disposal to give Fintrac a legal headache. Meanwhile, he feels powerless when trying to get answers about why it fined his company, which now faces bankruptcy over what he says is an unjust fine.

The first-ever Canadian bank penalty has come to light amid heightened awareness about money laundering in the wake of the so-called Panama Papers, which implicate numerous Canadians in dubious banking practices around the world.

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NEW MEASURES

Filing taxes to get simple

Tax season is upon us once again and the Canada Revenue Agency has implemented several new measures in an effort to help streamline the filing of income tax returns.

Tax partner Bruce Ball at BDO Canada says missing slips can be a common problem for many people, but the changes make it harder for them to slip through the cracks. Those registered with CRA's My Account service can use a new auto-fill service with certain tax software packages that automatically fills in parts of an income tax return.

The auto-fill service will help fill in certain information on a tax return including T4 and T5 slips. Filers will still have to check to ensure the information is correct and if they notice a mistake, they'll have to contact whoever issued the slip.

The CRA has also updated notices of assessment. The forms, which are sent after the government processes tax returns, include an account summary, explanation of changes as well as an RRSP deduction limit and other details. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Buttons rearranged to highlight video

Facebook is rearranging the notification panel on its mobile apps in an effort to broaden the audience creating, watching and reacting to live video on its social network.

The shift announced Wednesday is part of Facebook's effort to turn its live video feature into a marquee attraction as more people use their smartphones to record and share snippets of their lives.

Initially introduced as a tool for celebrities eight months ago, Facebook's live video option is now available in 60 countries.

To help promote it, Facebook is moving the button for its Messenger service so that the new video option can be highlighted on the notification panel. When pressed, the video button will show a directory of live streams from a user's friends, as well as segments available to anyone on the world's largest social network.

Messenger notifications will move to the top of Facebook's mobile apps near the search box.

The app update for Apple and Android devices will be rolled out in phases and take several weeks to complete.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON THE NDP'S LEADERSHIP CRISIS

In politics, half of the battle often amounts to staying alive to fight another day and, by all indications, Mulcair would be happy to settle for what could be no more than a reprieve.

As the New Democrats prepare to pronounce on Thomas Mulcair's leadership, here is a prediction: Regardless of how the NDP leader scores on confidence vote Sunday, there will be little or no cause for celebration at the party's gathering in Edmonton.

One way or another, most of the delegates will leave the convention with the sense that the leadership issue remains unresolved, and their party is unmoored in the federal universe. There will be no definitive resolution to what ails the NDP this weekend.

Most New Democrats will not really be asking themselves whether they want Mulcair to lead them in another election on Sunday.

If that were really the question put to the convention, the answer would almost certainly be negative or, at least, not positive enough for Mulcair to stay on.

In the five months since the federal election, few backers have emerged for his contention that he will do better next time. The fact that the party will have another shot at showing him the door before the next campaign has surfaced as a more compelling argument for postponing a leadership change.

That's basically the case laid out by — among others — Unifor's president Jerry Dias. The leader of Canada's largest private sector union argues the decision as to who will lead the party in 2019 should be based on what Mulcair achieves between now and the next time his leadership comes up for review in two years.

If the NDP leader survives the weekend it will be, in no small part, on the basis of that logic.

If, on the other hand, his convention support falls short, the many New Democrats who are out to punish him for a disappointing campaign will feel vindicated, but for how long?

Predictably, some of the more aggressive promoters of a leadership change are MPs who lost their seats last fall. Some of them also happen to have been at the table when the campaign strategy — including the party's lacklustre platform — was agreed upon.

For all the talk of poor choices and uninspiring execution, there is no evidence that a more aggressively left-wing approach would have delivered more seats last fall. Moreover, at this juncture, those who believe the party has lost its way in a self-defeating rush to the centre lack a unifying figure to make the case for their conclusions.

To sum up: The NDP does have a leadership crisis on its hands. The only question is whether enough delegates will agree to keep a lid on the issue this weekend. But the larger crisis is one of relevance and it is one that Mulcair's efforts over the past few months have only highlighted.

Much like his campaign strategy, the post-election path he has so far sketched out is based on the presumption that Justin Trudeau's government will so underwhelm progressive voters that they will rediscover the virtues of a moderate NDP and — by the same token — the merits of a ready-for-prime-time leader in 2019.

In politics, half of the battle often amounts to staying alive to fight another day and, by all indications, Mulcair would be happy to settle for what could be no more than a reprieve. After all, beggars can't be choosers.

The New Democrats are meeting on the heels of a resounding defeat in Saskatchewan; at a time when the Manitoba NDP is facing extra-long odds in the quest for a fifth mandate, and with the federal party in the basement of voting intentions

Mulcair can reasonably hope the context will be more favourable to his leadership in a couple of years.

But there is another scenario that may make it worth their while for the New Democrats who absolutely cannot fathom going into the next election with the current leader to keep their powder dry and it's Trudeau's promise of electoral reform.

The advent of a more proportional voting system in time for the next election could go a long way to shift the balance between the NDP's social-democratic ideals and the quest for government in favour of the former. It could also render the rationale for sticking with a middle-of-the-road leader such as Mulcair redundant.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

THE MICROTREND: Femininity consultants

Post-Caitlyn Jenner, trans rights are at the forefront of the fight for equality. For the movement, there are political and economic battles to be fought and entrenched stereotypes to erase. But for individual trans people, there's an equally important struggle: figuring out how to present themselves to an often hostile world. Of course, where there's a need, there's a business opportunity. Hence the inchoate cottage industry of femininity consultants such as Monica Prata, a New York woman (cisgendered) whose company, Nouveau She, provides clients at various stages of transition with advice in makeup, comportment and wardrobe. "Our objective ... is not to create a caricature of femininity but rather to illuminate your beauty within," says Nouveau She's website. SOURCE: VICE; IMAGE: THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Public changerooms: Our secret realm of body positivity

There's Kim Kardashian nude — all pouty and "empowered" on social media.

And then there's changeroom nude.

Where Kim is never short of vapid, Hallmark-inspired defences of nude selfies and her right to "be allowed to be sexy," in the changeroom at the downtown Jewish Community Centre, nudity is allowed to be saggy.

All day long, women file in and out, coming in clothed, exiting clothed. In between? They're naked. And not for self-promotion purposes.

A public changeroom is the anti-porn, the pro-reality. It's not that these average, assorted bodies can't be sensual, but they aren't naked for sex, or even sexiness. And in our culture, that is refreshing. No one is stopping to snap selfies tagged "#liberated." They're busy applying lotion.

Some women are tall and thin, or short and round, small breasts, large ones, slumped shoulders, knocked knees, loose skin, flat bottoms. Chatting in various states of dress and undress, calloused feet on tile floors, blow-drying their hair with a small towel over their bare shoulders to catch the wet drips.

They get dressed in helter-skelter fashion while passing by mirrors for makeup and hair primping.

The clientele skews older, which is enlightening for a young(er) woman. This is your future, their bodies announce, and no amount of #goals will save you from #time.

This is an oasis from beauty norms, even household norms (how many adult children are openly nude with their parents?). I've even seen a naked woman in the hot tub sing to herself, something bluesy.

As a teenager, I hated the flagrant disrobing. I used the private stalls, cringing at even my own mother or sister's bare bodies slipping in and out of swimsuits. Mortified most of all by the shower.

I grew into public nudity as I grew out of self-consciousness. Perhaps changerooms, then, are good barometers for how comfortable you are in your skin. But they're also an opportunity to see how comfortable others are. Others who aren't a Kardashian. Others who probably don't prize looking hot quite so much, and who take interest in other measurements.

It's not syrupy self-love on display, only self-acceptance.

Undoubtedly, most women could criticize their bodies, if asked to. But who would bother? And what's the point? You've already dragged yourself here for some kind of fitness effort, and your limbs are working to whatever degree, and you're not thinking about the size of your tits while you strap on a bra. Blessedly, neither is anyone else.

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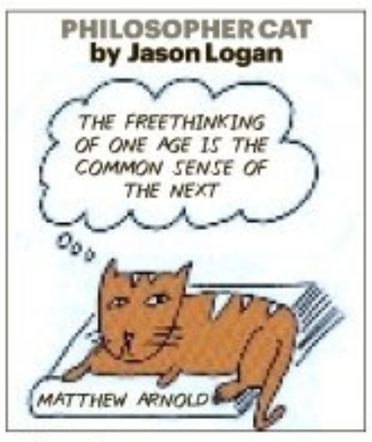

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Candy's history isn't too sweet

Author Susan Benjamin owns several historic candy shops called True Treats Candy. CONTRIBUTED

NEW BOOK

Author looks at the origins of treats

Susan Benjamin owns stores in Maryland and West Virginia called True Treats Candy that specialize in historical candy products, including treats created by Aboriginal Peoples.

She has now written a history of candy, Sweet as Sin: The Unwrapped Story of How Candy Became America's Favorite Pleasure.

This conversation about her new book has been edited for length.

The idea of candy in North America really started with indigenous fruit — cranberries and blueberries, for example. It's surprising to find that peaches weren't natural to this continent and they changed the way people ate.

When you go through the supermarket, there is very little that exists as it originally was. You have to remember the honeybee didn't get to North America until 1622. The peach came here in the 1500s with the explorers. They flourished, in part, because native Americans created orchards. Fruits that were indigenous to North America, the strawberry and the blueberry, were changed by the European-Americans trying to create a more salable commodity.

We sell, in our historic candy shop, fruit from the Ojibwa tribe, the highbush blueberry and cranberry. You can really taste the difference. Native Americans used all parts of the corn and one good example is corn syrup, and that was used long before the Europeans came. The other corn product would be the corn cob. We sell corn-cob jelly in our shop. Native people would take various parts of the corn and use it as candy.

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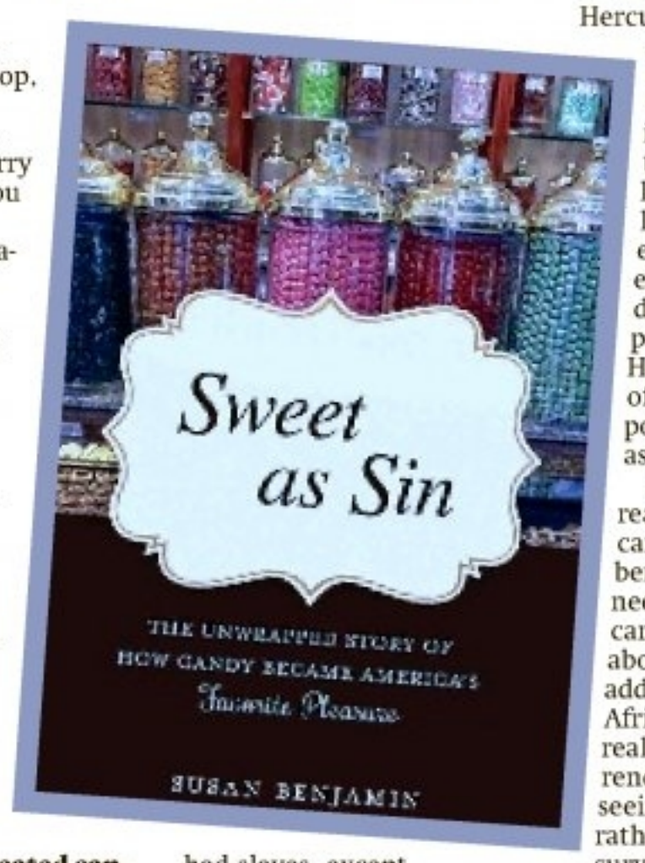

You write about the chefs who created candied treats for their employers, but your description of George Washington suggests he was a terrible boss, especially to his poor chef Hercules!

Washington was considered relatively good to his slaves. Most of the founding fathers had slaves, except for John Adams. Hercules is an amazing example because he defeated the system by escaping and staying escaped.

When George Washington lived in Philadelphia, which allowed slaves to become free after living in Pennsylvania for at least six months, he would often send his slaves back to Mount Vernon in Virginia, which was a state that had the largest number of slaves in the early United States. Hercules wanted to be his own man. Word got around to George Washington that Hercules wanted to be free, so he sent him back to Virginia and had him do arduous work in the fields. He did that to break Hercules' spirit so Hercules wouldn't think of escaping. Hercules did escape, but Washington did everything in his power to get him back. He posted notices; he offered Hercules the opportunity to come back as a free man.

I believe the main reason for slavery was cane sugar. Huge numbers of workers were needed to produce the cane. So when you talk about candy you have to address the lives of the African Americans. It is really so dire and so horrendous, and I started seeing them as survivors rather than victims. They survived these unbearable circumstances. It made me see my nation in a different way, and that many of these people were unsung inventors in the world of sugar and they need to be honoured and celebrated and admired.

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Telling the tale of a gay, Yiddish-speaking parrot

YIDDISH FOR PIRATES

Gary Barwin mixes identity and adventure in new book

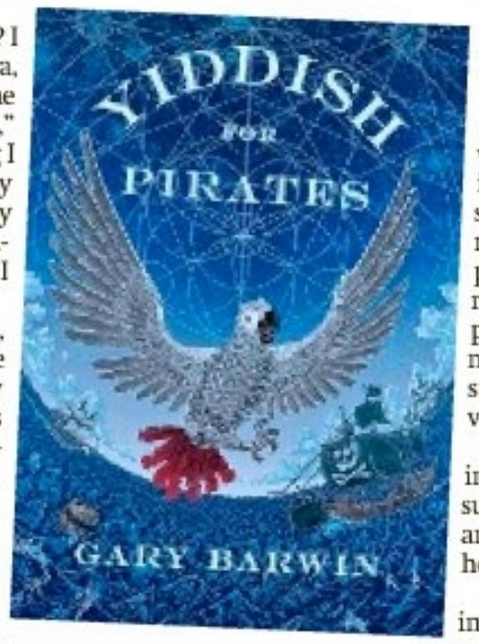
Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

Gary Barwin was working on the manuscript for his novel Yiddish for Pirates one day when his daughter came home from school, and caught him having a chuckle. "Dad, you're laughing at your own jokes again."

It's obvious that the Hamilton, Ont., author enjoyed writing this humorous, pun-laden twist on the classic adventure story, which at its heart deals with the very serious issues of religious persecution and identity — as told by Aaron, a 500-year-old, immortal, gay, Yiddish-speaking parrot.

"I was thinking this is a pirate story; who is the perfect narrator, who is there all the time? I was thinking of a GoPro camera, he's sitting on the shoulders the whole time and he observes," says Barwin. "The other thing I love about parrots is that they are like humans, they can only communicate with the language that they've learned. I feel like that's what I do."

Set in the early 1490s, Yiddish for Pirates tells the story of Moishe, a young boy who joins a ship crew, helps a group of hidden Jews during the Spanish Inquisition to smuggle out forbidden books, falls in love and travels to the New World with Christopher Columbus before becoming a revenge-seeking pirate. Despite Barwin's long resumé as a poet and performer, this is his first novel for adults, released under Random House Canada's prestigious New Face of Fiction program.



Writing Yiddish for Pirates gave Barwin the opportunity to engage deeper with his own religion.

"There's something about being Jewish and Jewish identity and its relationship to language and story that's really captivating to me," he says.

"I had to constantly be open to where the story would take me next. I never believed this when other writers said this before, but it really felt like the characters and the language really took me — I just followed along."

While the book deals with historical tragedies, many of which have jarring similarities to today's world, it does so through dark, ironic humour, a trait he also finds empowering in Judaism. Barwin resisted using puns, but as he progressed, his characters demanded more slang and slapstick (many of which involve various bodily functions).

"Pirates were these word-invention machines. These insults and swashbuckling threats are such a juicy joy to speak," he says.

"That's a component of that in Yiddish as well. People who speak Yiddish love to revel in the Yiddishisms and clever charismatic ways of saying things. It's so fun to riff off of those."

Writing the book also brought back childhood memories of voraciously reading adventure stories and watching pirate movies.

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RELAUNCH

Clever team behind the Black Panther

Mike Donachie
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BLACK PANTHER #1
BY: Ta-Nehisi Coates, Brian Stelfreeze and Laura Martin
PUBLISHER: Marvel Comics

Marvel have done a lot of cool things lately, but perhaps the coolest is the relaunch of Black Panther and the choice of its creative team.

With issue one appearing just ahead of the character's much-anticipated appearance in the movie Captain America: Civil War, this new book is a lot deeper than the movie is expected to be.

It's been written by Ta-Nehisi Coates, an extremely clever man who writes about politics and culture for The Atlantic and last year won a National Book Award for Between The World and Me.

With beautiful art by Brian Stelfreeze, this book is itself extremely clever. The Black Panther is, once again, T'Challa, king of mineral rich, high-tech African nation Wakanda.

But in this book Coates asks a good question: what kind of king can you be when you're running around being a superhero with the Avengers? And why would his people accept an absolute monarchy?

It's an entertaining book that's worth picking up for its intelligent storytelling.

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MUSIC

Health issues delay Janet Jackson tour

Janet Jackson is delaying her "Unbreakable" tour, saying Wednesday that she and her husband are planning their family and that she is under doctor's orders to rest.

The 49-year-old singer announced in a video on her Twitter account Wednesday morning that there has been a "sudden change" to the second leg of her tour, which started in August.

She didn't say she was pregnant with her first child, only that she needed to rest up.

Jackson married Wissam Al Mana in 2012. In the video clip, Jackson thanked her fans for their love and loyalty. She went on to thank her dancers, her band and her crew.

"Once again, thank you to all the fans for your love, your undying love; your loyalty, that means so much to me," Jackson said. "It's been a long journey and you guys have been there each and every step of the way and I really do appreciate that ... I will see you soon."

> **Thank you to all the fans for your undying love; your loyalty, that means so much to me.**
> Janet Jackson

On Dec. 24, Jackson announced that she was postponing her tour until the spring to have an unspecified surgical procedure. She had been next scheduled to perform in early January in Denver.

She said no further details on her medical condition would be disclosed. Two weeks later, Jackson announced rescheduled tour dates after she took some time to recover from the surgical procedure.

Jackson said at the time the North American leg of her "Unbreakable" tour would resume May 14 in Las Vegas. Rescheduled shows were also to include dates in Portland, Oregon; Houston; Detroit; Atlanta; Washington; New York; Philadelphia and more. Live Nation had said tickets for previously announced dates would be honoured at rescheduled shows.

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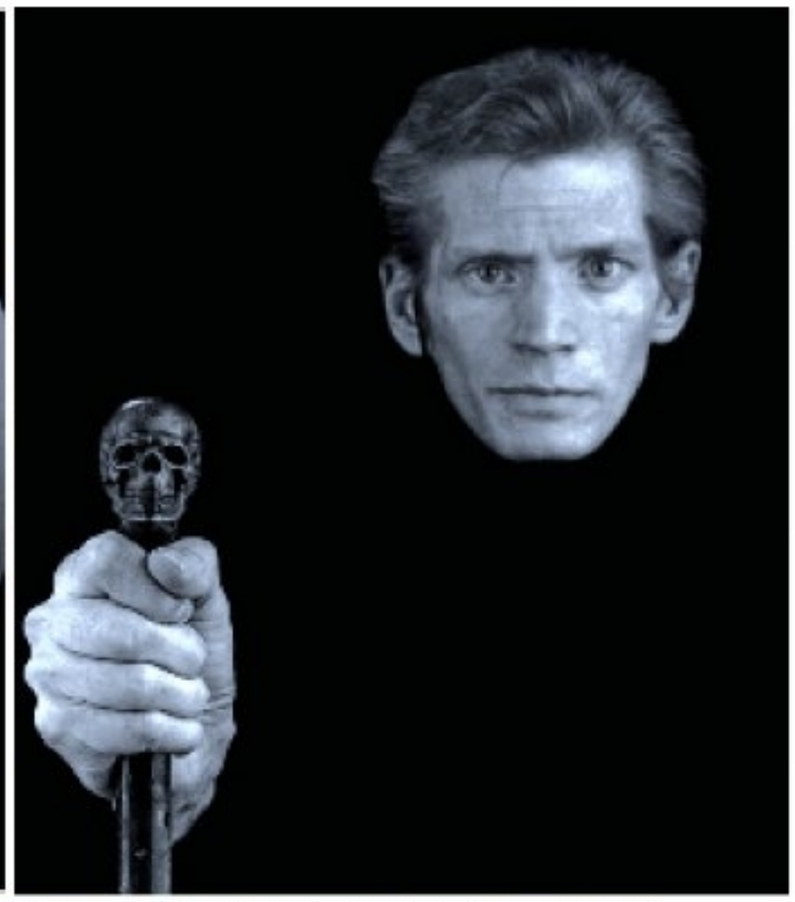
Janet Jackson's comment that she's planning her family has fuelled speculation about a possible pregnancy. AFP/GETTY IMAGES



Artist Robert Mapplethorpe, right, who died in 1989, shocked sensibilities with his images of gay sexuality. CONTRIBUTED

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

The photographer who told Americans 'Made you look!'

THE SHOW: Mapplethorpe: Look at the Pictures (HBO)
THE MOMENT: The self-portraits

Halfway through this documentary, the late artist Robert Mapplethorpe — who was both renowned and reviled for photographing images of gay sexuality — tells a journalist the story behind his most controversial self-portrait.

After photographing a graphic sex act, Mapplethorpe recalls, one of its subjects challenged him: "You wouldn't want to be considered somebody who exploits people and isn't able to exploit himself."

So Mapplethorpe put on a vest, chaps, and boots, and (bear with me here) inserted a bullwhip into his anus. He posed with his back to the camera — then turned his head around and levelled his gaze right at us, the viewers.

"Most people would say that's a horrible image of yourself," the journalist remarks.

"No," Mapplethorpe replies. "That's a good one."

The title of this doc is a challenge, and it keeps challenging us throughout — both to see what Mapplethorpe saw, and to understand why he needed us to. Many of the images are squirm-inducing,

> **Empathy requires understanding, and the first step toward understanding something is to look at it.**

and the interviewees acknowledge that.

But as Mapplethorpe insists, "Sexuality like I portray it is very much (happening) today. It will take a few years before people realize that," and, "What happens here is indicative of America, finally."

In other words, if many people are doing something, it can't be inherently wrong. Empathy requires understanding, and the first step toward understanding something is to look at it, unblinkingly.

In his final self-portrait, Mapplethorpe holds a cane topped with a silver skull. He's dying of AIDS, and he faces that, also without blinking.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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Your essential daily news

San Fran man builds box in friend's place to get around high rents

Living in the lap of Luxury

RUTH GARDENS LUXURY APARTMENTS

CONTRIBUTED

Project overview

On the location of a former mini mall rises a trio of towers called Ruth Gardens. This luxury apartment development — yes they are rentals — offers 214 new units in the heart of North Kildonan. Judging from the response so far, rentals are much needed in this area. Only the two-bedroom units are still available.

Housing amenities

Quartz countertops, stainless-steel appliances and vinyl plank flooring are standard. Two-bedroom units include ensuite bathrooms and walk-in closets. In-suite utility rooms with washer and dryer are a big plus, as are the private, covered balconies. It's a secure building with card access and a resident manager on site.

Location and transit

Springfield Road is two blocks away and offers several transit connections to downtown. A longer walk puts you on Henderson Highway with even more transit service. For drivers, downtown is 10 minutes away. There are several schools in the area, including one across the road. Kilcona Park and Kildonan Park are a short drive away.

In the neighbourhood

There's a true residential feel to this location with a few commercial services within walking distance (banking, medical, convenience store). There's a bakery around the corner and the vast green spaces of Rossmere Golf & Country Club down the way. Henderson Highway offers services including grocery, banking and restaurants. SHEL ZOLKEWICH/FOR METRO

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What: Ruth Gardens Luxury Apartments
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Location: 1167 Rothesay St.
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Suites: One bedroom and two bedrooms
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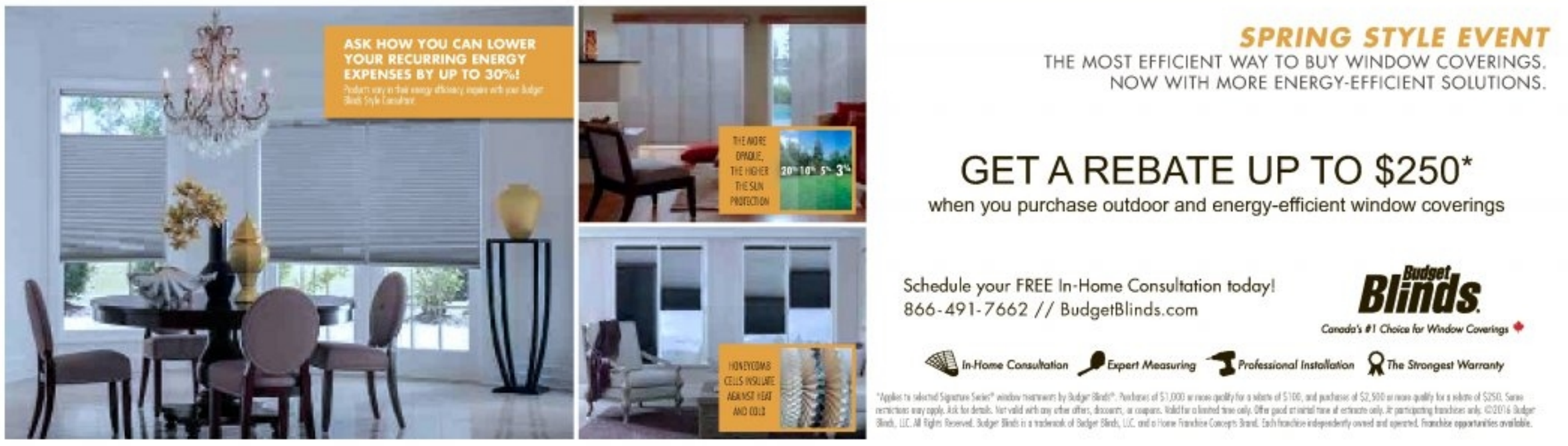
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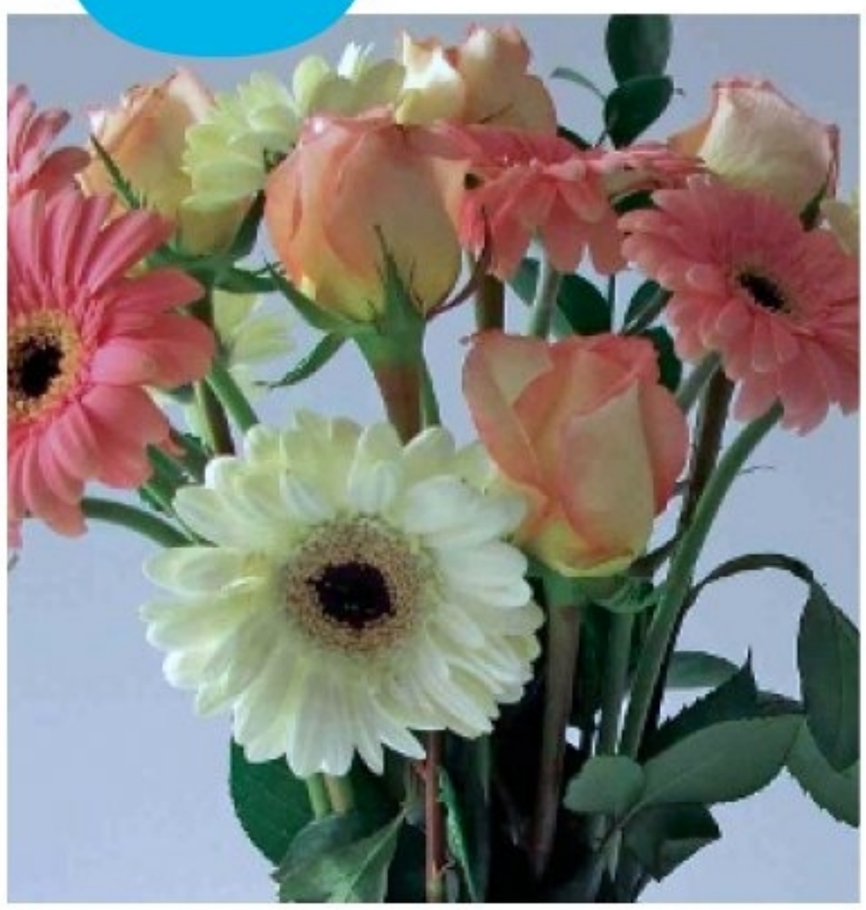
3 EASY WAYS TO SPRUCE UP FOR SPRING

There may still be a chill in the air but these quick and affordable decorating ideas will warm you up to the joy of spring. Freshen up your home with these three easy, inexpensive tips. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



1 Simple flowers

Who can resist the buckets of blooms outside floral shops in the spring? Buy a bunch or two and fill your house with fresh bouquets. After all, nothing says spring like flowers.

Tips to help keep flowers looking fresh:

- Remove foliage from the stem that will sit below the water line.
- Trim stems under water so they absorb moisture.
- Add a teaspoon of sugar to water.

2 Organize your entryway

Pack away the winter clutter in your entry to make space for spring. An **entry table provides a spot to set down mail** but is small enough in size to limit clutter. A vase with simple green foliage and colourful art welcomes guests. A pretty dish provides a spot for keys.

3 Show off a collection

Vintage glassware such as **old soda bottles, demijohns and jars** looks great grouped together on a shelf or tabletop. They add a little sparkle to your space and reflect light. Spring is a great time to scour antique markets and yard sales for those vintage treasures.

PROJECTS

DIY: Start seedlings in a newspaper

Get a head start on your herb garden by planting seeds in pots made with recycled newspapers.

Step 1
Gather your supplies. You'll need:

- Newspapers
- A soup can
- Seeds
- Soil

Step 2
Fold a single newspaper page in half lengthwise. Place soup can on bottom end of the folded newspaper, approximately two inches from the cut edge of paper. Roll the newspaper snugly around the soup can to make a cylinder.

Step 3
Fold in the end paper on the soup can, starting from the seam. Fold and press firmly inward to create the base of the pot.

Step 4
Remove can from the paper. You've made a pot! Now fold the top edge of the pot in to make a rim.

Step 5
Fill pots with moistened soil and add seeds as directed on seed package. Place on waterproof tray in a sunny spot. Water.

When you are ready to plant the seedlings they can be placed directly into the soil.

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Gardening is the surest way to make it feel like spring. DEBRA NORTON/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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With two more home runs Wednesday, Robinson Cano became the first Seattle player to hit four homers in the first three games of the season

Wheaties, Terriers deep in playoff runs

VIEW FROM THE 300S

Andrew 'Hustler' Paterson

Despite disappointing seasons for our local pro hockey teams this year, there is still great playoff hockey happening in the province. Just not in Winnipeg, and you'll have to drive a bit to see it.

The Winnipeg Jets finish up their season this weekend in California and look ahead to next year while the Manitoba Moose will complete their home schedule this weekend hosting Rockford in a pair of afternoon games at MTS Centre. Despite miserable seasons on the ice for both teams, there is plenty of optimism for the future, but nothing to help fans get their playoff fix now. The lack of playoff action in Winnipeg this year is an opportunity to take in some great hockey elsewhere in Manitoba.

A couple hours west down Highway 1, the Brandon Wheat Kings are preparing to host the Moose Jaw Warriors in Round 2 of the Western Hockey League playoffs. The series gets going at the Keystone Centre Friday and Saturday night in Brandon.

The Wheaties are a powerhouse, finishing atop the Eastern Conference in the WHL. Led by the likes of Ivan Provorov, the seventh overall pick by Philadelphia in last year's NHL draft, Panthers prospect Jayce Hawryluk and Winnipeg native and top 2017 NHL draft prospect Nolan Patrick, Brandon is stacked with players we will see in years to come rolling through MTS Centre as professionals.

The Wheat Kings begin their second-round playoff series on Friday in Brandon. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Kelly McCrimmon's club found itself down 2-0 in its first-round series before rolling off four in a row against Edmonton. Returning home to start off the second round, the Wheat Kings have passed a big test and are primed to challenge for the WHL championship and hopefully the Memorial Cup.

Also on Friday night and a little closer to the city, the MJHL Turnbull Cup final gets underway at the PCU Centre in Portage. The defending RBC Cup national champion Portage Terriers are looking to repeat as the top dogs of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League. Portage will take on the winner of the Winkler-Steinbach Game 7 played late Wednesday. The final should feature outstanding hockey in fantastic atmospheres in both rinks and will be well worth a bit of time in the car.

Kudos are also in order for the Manitoba women who represented Canada at the world championships this past week. Despite a heart-breaking loss in overtime to the U.S. in the gold-medal game, Bailey Bram and Jocelyn Laroque of Ste. Anne, Bridgette Lacquette of Mallard and Neepawa's Halli Krzyzaniak, along with assistant coach Dwayne Gylywoychuk all deserve congratulations for representing our country and province so well at the highest level.

We will look back at the Jets season next week in this space, but in the meantime get out and take in some great junior hockey playoff action while MTS Centre melts the ice for the summer. You won't be disappointed.

AHL

Moose knocked back down to last

Darrin Bauming
Metro | Winnipeg

At MTS Centre

5	2
ADMIRALS	MOOSE

The Manitoba Moose battled their way back to within striking distance Wednesday night but ultimately came up short in their 5-2 loss at the hands of the Milwaukee Admirals.

Pontus Aberg scored twice — including the game-winner — and added an assist as Milwaukee improved to 45-21-3-2 and remain atop the Central Division. The Moose, meanwhile, fell to 23-40-4-5 on the year and back into sole possession of last place in the American Hockey League.

Manitoba netminder Eric Comrie made 32 saves to drop his season record to 12-24-7, while Milwaukee's Marek Mazanec turned away 27.

Moose blue-liner Andrew MacWilliam opened the scoring 14 minutes in with his first goal of the season, while Darren Kramer notched his seventh.

Newcomer Dan DeSalvo added a pair of assists to increase his point total to 10 in his 13 games since joining Manitoba.

With the playoffs out of the picture for Manitoba this year, the new AHL club finishes its 2015-16 schedule with a pair of games over the weekend at MTS Centre against the Rockford IceHogs before a two-game road trip through Texas.

IN BRIEF

Souza powers Rays' comeback win over Jays

Steven Souza Jr.'s second home run of the game, a go-ahead, three-run drive in the eighth inning, lifted the Tampa Bay Rays over the Toronto Blue Jays 5-3 Wednesday.

Souza pulled Tampa Bay to 3-2 in the sixth with a solo homer. Tampa Bay has homered in a team-record 18 consecutive games dating to Sept. 20.

Josh Donaldson hit a three-run homer in the third, but left after a seventh-inning at-bat with a strained right calf.

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Oilers close out Rexall Place with dominant victory

Patrick Maroon scored twice as the Edmonton Oilers won the final game played at Rexall Place, beating the Vancouver Canucks 6-2 on Wednesday.

Nail Yakupov, Connor McDavid, Leon Draisaitl and Taylor Hall also scored for the Oilers (31-43-7), who snapped a three-game losing skid.

Matt Bartkowski and Bo Horvat replied for the Canucks (30-37-13), who saw a three-game winning streak come to an end.

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NHL

Survey shows Canada's Stanley Cup fever dissipating

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

For the first time since 1970, Canada's NHL teams have been entirely shut out from the Stanley Cup playoffs, which could throw a heavy hit on viewership north of the border, a new Angus Reid Institute survey suggests.

The absence of Canadian teams means 54 per cent of fans who would usually watch the NHL post-season say they will either watch less playoff hockey this year or won't even watch at all, according to the online survey of 1,522 Canadians conducted from March 28 to 31.

Last week, the Ottawa Senators were the final Canadian team to be mathematically eliminated from contention, ensuring that for a 23rd consecutive year, a Canadian team will not win the Stanley Cup.

If you had to choose, which U.S.-based playoff team(s) will you most likely cheer for?

46%

For most Canadian teams, specifically Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg and Toronto, the stretch drive has been less about playoffs and more about dropping to the bottom of the standings for the best chance at landing the first overall pick in the 2016 NHL Draft — also known as the Auston Matthews sweepstakes.

According to the survey, not having a Canadian team in the playoffs could have a substantial impact on the number of "diehard fans" who choose to tune in.

Of the 131 people who identified as "diehard fans," 47 per cent said they would watch less playoffs this year. Twelve per cent said they won't watch at all.

"I think that just goes to show how closely diehard hockey fans in this country identify this as Canada's game," Shachi Kurl, executive director for the ARI, told Metro.

Still, almost 200 Canadian players will compete for the Stanley Cup on playoff teams this spring.

The Florida Panthers, with former Canuck Roberto Luongo as their star goalie, and the St. Louis Blues lead the way each with 16 Canadian players on their rosters.

RECIPE Black Bean & Tuna Wrap

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This protein-packed wrap makes an easy, healthy dinner.

Ready in
Prep time: 30 minutes
Total time: 35 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 x 19 oz. can of black beans, drained
- 1 x 5 oz. can of tuna
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh tomato
- 1/2 cup chopped red pepper
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 Tbsps lime juice
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 2 handfuls of chopped lettuce, washed and dried well
- 1/2 an avocado, sliced
- 4 tortilla wraps

Directions

1. In a large bowl, toss together beans, tuna, onions, peppers, oil, lime juice and salt and pepper. Cover and place in the fridge for half an hour or overnight for the flavours to combine and develop.

2. When you're ready to assemble your wraps take your bowl out of the fridge, add your chopped cilantro and stir.

3. Lay your tortillas out on your work surface.

4. Place your lettuce down first (this will keep your tortilla from getting soggy), then scoop the tuna on top, and add a few slices of avocado. Make a rectangle of filling in the middle of your wrap. Pull one side of your wrap over the filling and tuck it in snugly. Now fold over both ends of the wrap. Keep rolling it over until it's closed. Slice in half and serve.

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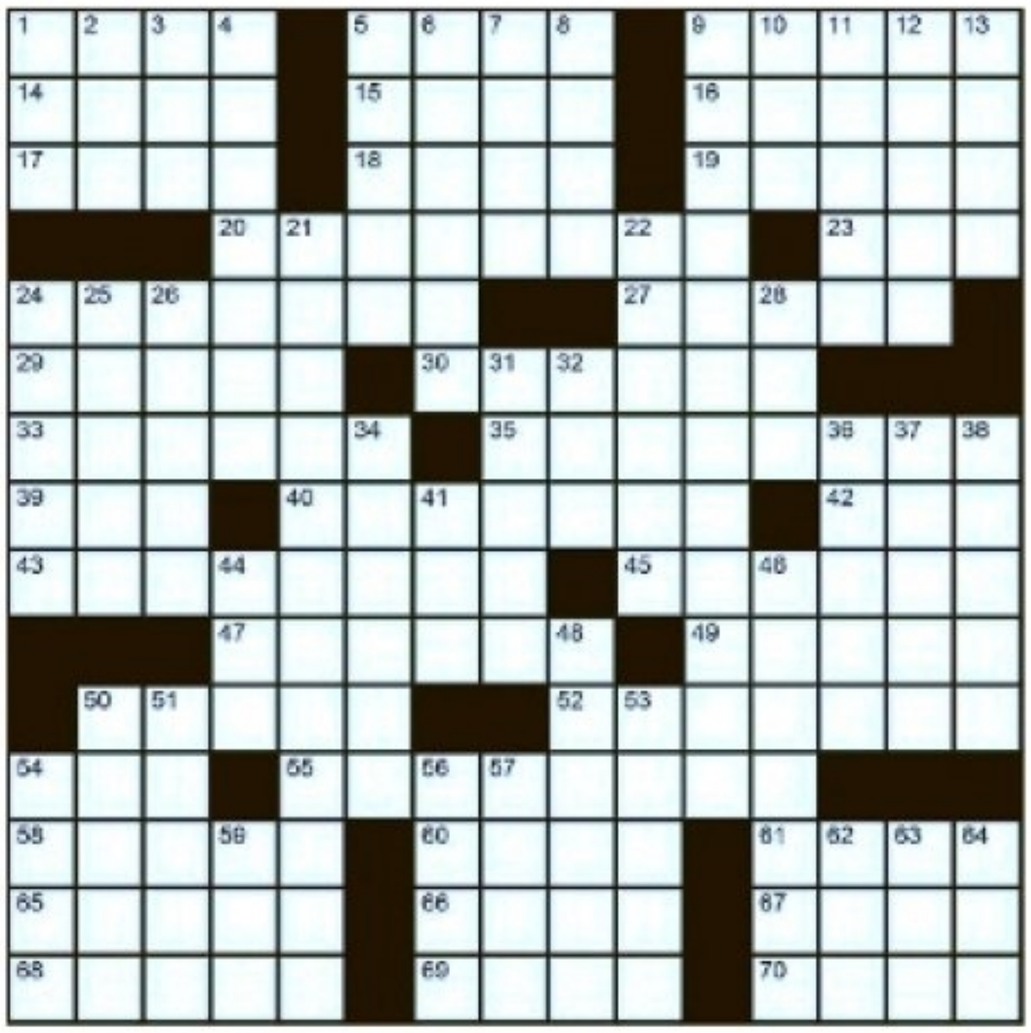
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Wooden wedge
5. Sea lettuce
9. "What am I, chopped _?"
14. Verdi opera
15. Sci. class
16. Dispatch boat
17. Ringing reverberation
18. Mini medians
19. Biker role in #61-Across
20. 11:00pm, for instance: 2 wds.
23. Social pages word
24. Fab Four, for one
27. Canada _ (CBC's annual books competition)
29. Regular
30. Woodstock salutes
33. Of the body's major artery
35. Rules of conduct
39. Shiba _ (Dog breed of Japan)
40. Pamplona's locale in northern Spain
42. Muesli tidbit
43. Drop in rank
45. Sacred place
47. Gilligan's boat, S.S. _
49. Ancient Greek colony
50. Joe of "JFK" (1991)
52. The _ (Novel by #9-Down which is the 2016 winner of #27-Across)
54. Abitibi article
55. 1934: Montreal Neurological Institute founder, Dr. Wilder _ (b.1891 - d.1976)
58. Express
60. Sports car, _ Romeo
61. "_ Rider" (1969)
65. Latin for 'I believe'
66. Enter: 2 wds.
67. _ & The Bunnymen
68. Russian ballet company
69. Hobbyist's purchases
70. Actor, Oliver _

DOWN
1. Maple's meal
2. "Speed it up, stallion!"
3. US 'Gem State', briefly
4. Shopping centre regular's nickname
5. Decrease
6. It keeps a censor ready with the bleep button: 2 wds.
7. Van _, Vincent
8. Besides
9. Newmarket, Ontario born author (More at #27-Across and #52-Across): 2 wds.
10. Climber of the quoins
11. Choice dish
12. Rob of "90210"
13. Automatic
21. Nfld., for one: 2 wds.
22. Cheering-on people
24. Randy of "The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz" (1974)
25. "Can you give _ _ moment, please?" (Making-a-decision couple's request)
26. Latin for 'gold'
28. Peer Gynt's mother
31. Actors Joe or Vincent
32. Odd, briefly
34. Ms. Kazan of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2" (2016)
36. Fist, in France
37. Actress Ms. Raymonde
38. Bargain
41. "_ Ryan's Express" (1965) starring Frank Sinatra
44. Mantric syllables
46. Antlered creature of European woodlands: 2 wds.
48. Nintendo's getting-in-shape offering, _ _ Plus
50. Science dish
51. 'Poly' add-on (Synthetic fabric)
53. Angles
54. Good fortune
56. Harps
57. Sight-of-ice in The Arctic
59. Japan's capital's old name
62. Expert
63. "_-Devil" (1989)
64. Greeted, Rocky-style

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today the only New Moon in your sign all year is taking place. That's why this is the best day to take a realistic look in the mirror to see how you can improve your image.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
A hidden epiphany or a sudden idea likely will occur to you today. Listen to what it is, because it might help you.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is the only New Moon all year regarding friendships for you. Are you happy with your friendships? Do your friends care about your welfare? Think about this.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is perhaps the best day of the year to think about your life direction. Are you headed in the direction you want to go? Are your goals really your goals?

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
What further training can you get to improve your job? What further travel and education might enrich your life? Think about this today.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today's New Moon urges you to study your debt and anything that has to do with shared property. Figure out what you owe and what you own, because information is power.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today is the only New Moon that is opposite your sign all year. This means it's the best day of the year to think how you can improve your partnerships and close friendships.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today's New Moon is an opportunity to think about how you can be more efficient at work. It's also the perfect time to think about how you can improve your health.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
How well do you balance play and work in your life? It's crazy to work so hard that you never enjoy life. "What's it all about, Alfie?"

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The New Moon today is your chance to make resolutions about how to improve your home, as well as how to improve your relationship with family members. Ideas?

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Communication with others is important because we are social creatures. Do you listen as well as speak? How can you be a better communicator?

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Today's New Moon encourages you to think about how you handle your money and your possessions. What kind of report card would you give yourself?

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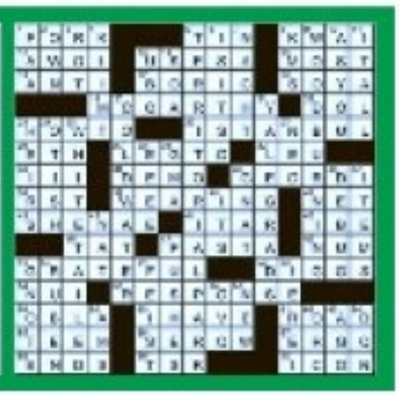

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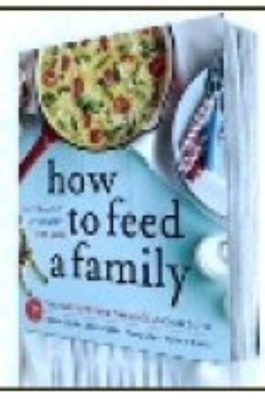

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